

AMENDMENT TO THE ABSTRACT

The following abstract will replace all prior versions of the abstract in the application:

ABSTRACT

A device ~~Device~~ eliminating extraneous air, which is imported by open containers (3), from a clean room (1) enclosing a bottle processing machine (14, 20; 24). ~~The~~, where said clean room is constantly replenished with clean gas to compensate for gas losses. The device includes, ~~is characterized by a~~ discharge cell (9) mounted in the clean room (1) and communicating with ambient ~~by means of via~~ a discharge cell conduit (12, 17) ~~with the ambience and by means with the clean room via of an aperture (11). with the clean room (1), mutually~~ Mutually oppositely situated slit nozzles (A, B) ~~being~~ are mounted at the edge of the aperture (11) and ~~blowing~~ blow clean gas at each other in the plane of the aperture (11). ~~The~~, ~~the~~ discharge cell (9) ~~being~~ is configured in such manner that it ~~encloses so as to enclose~~ at least the container mouth zone at least at the filling site of the container (3).